

What is claimed is:

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1. A movable barrier operator comprising:
a fingerprint sensor;
a transmitter for emitting a signal
5 representative of a sensed fingerprint from the
fingerprint sensor;
a receiver for receiving the signal;
a fingerprint circuit for determining whether
the fingerprint is representative of an authorized user;
10 and
a barrier operator circuit for commanding a
barrier to assume a particular position.
 2. A movable barrier operator according to claim
1 wherein the fingerprint sensor comprises an optical
15 fingerprint sensor.
 3. A movable barrier operator according to claim
2 wherein the optical fingerprint sensor is an
electroiluminescent fingerprint sensor.
 4. A movable barrier operator according to claim
20 2 wherein the fingerprint sensor comprises a charged
coupled device for generating a signal from which the
signal representative of the sensed fingerprint is
produced.
 5. A movable barrier operator according to claim
25 1 wherein the transmitter comprises a radio frequency
transmitter and the signal representative of the sensed
fingerprint is a radio frequency signal.
 6. A movable barrier operator according to claim
1 wherein the transmitter comprise a wall control.

7. A movable barrier operator according to claim 1 further comprising a memory associated with the fingerprint sensor and the transmitter for storing information indicative of the fingerprint.

5 8. A movable barrier operator according to claim 1 wherein the fingerprint circuit compares a coded identification transmission for operation of the barrier operator circuit.

9. A movable barrier operator according to claim 10 1 wherein the fingerprint circuit receives a fingerprint identifying signal representative of the fingerprint itself.

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